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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR DETECTING ELECTRICAL
FAULTS AND ISOLATING
POWER SOURCE FROM THE
ELECTRICAL FAULTS Attorney Docket No.: 10471-007-999

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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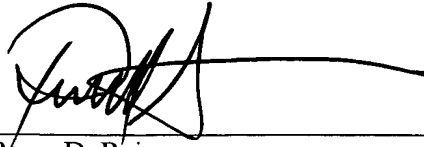
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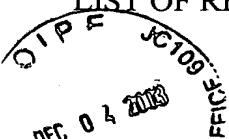
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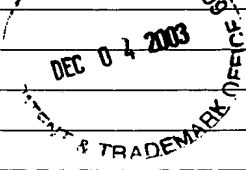
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